(c) whether the Superintendent had been informed in Government Memorandum No. 1000-2, Finance, dated 17th February 1926, that leave salary must be allowed if leave is available and is granted ;

(d) if so, why Venugopal was not allowed leave salary and what action was taken against the Superintendent for disregarding the Government Memorandum No. 1000-2, Finance, dated 17th February 1926 ; and

(e) whether the applicant appealed to Government against the order of the Superintendent and whether he was informed that there was no right of appeal and if so, why ?

A.—(a) M. E. Venugopal on 1st December 1927 applied for leave from 17th November 1927 to 7th December 1927 on the basis of a medical certificate. The leave was refused and he was therefore absent without leave.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Yes.

(d) The questions do not arise.

(e) Yes. The rules do not provide for appeals in such cases. Discretion to refuse leave is vested by rule in the Superintendent, Government Press.

Alleged refusal of casual leave to certain employees in the Government Press.

* 136 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Arumugham, type-caster, Narasiah, Sarangapani and K. P. Rangaswami, machine-minders, Annamalai, baller, and P. A. Narayanaswami, compositor, in the Government Press, applied for a day's casual leave for reasons of ill-health or domestic urgency and whether it was refused ;

(b) whether the absence was treated as leave without pay ; and

(c) if so, why ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information. Discretion to refuse leave to such persons is reserved by rule to Superintendent, Government Press.

Contract for the supply of articles required by the Government Press.

* 137 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the contract for the supply of several articles required by the Government Press is being given to one and the same person for years ;

(b) whether the price of each of the articles given on contract is being verified with reference to the price of the market ; and

(c) if so, whether he will be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of those articles for the years 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29 ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" The inference from the question is that there is some kind of jobbery going as regards the supply of several articles. When large amounts are involved, why should Government say that they have no information ? "